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The Message.

PRESIDENT Cleveland's message was submitted to congress on Tuesday. The full text of it, together with all the recommendations made by the chief executive, will be found elsewhere in this paper. The paper, like all of Mr. Cleveland's state documents, is a voluminous one, the president seeming to think to carry conviction to his auditors by his much speaking rather than by concise arguments, well considered statements, and specific recommendations. The whole message is devoted to foreign affairs and the financial situation. As to the administration's foreign policy, it is in strange contrast to the talk of democratic newspapers about the proposed inauguration of a "vigorous foreign policy." Much disappointment will be felt at the absence of any positive declaration or recommendation in regard to the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, who have the unanimous sympathy of the whole American people in their unequal struggle to free themselves from the cruel, domineering control of a despotic monarchy. The president does seem to be somewhat touched by the outrages in Armenia, and his eyes are open to the importance of the Venezuelan matter. All in all, however, the president says very little in all the verbiage devoted to foreign affairs. As was expected, the greater part of the message was devoted to the financial question, which is as it should be, that being to-day the most important question before the American people in a political way. From the previous outspoken position of the president, it was correctly surmised that a single gold standard would make up the sum total of his financial wisdom. The president is in no sense a bi-metallist, and his advocacy of the single standard is a direct slap at Gov. Altgeld, Buck Hinrichson and other democrats that ilk, with whom the majority of the Michigan democracy, as indicated by their last state platform, are properly to be numbered. Concerning the tariff, it is not surprising that very little is said. Intelligent democrats are not saying very much about their tariff policy now-a-days. It is amusing, however, to see the president try to lay the blame on the republican tariff. An article elsewhere in this department will show clearly the sophistry of Mr. Cleveland's talk. An effort is made in the message to defend the sale of bonds to the foreign syndicate, and the president says he is willing to bear his full share of responsibility for that course; we have not heard of anyone who is anxious to share it with him, especially in view of the fact that the issue of bonds to the syndicate or to any other persons was only made necessary by the ruinous financial policy of the democratic party. Taken as a whole, it does not seem to us that the president's message is a strong one, or that it will fill an important position in the history of state papers. It will not be pleasing to his party as a political document, as it makes no new issue, and does nothing to help the democracy out of the hole into which it has fallen through its own acts. His party by the message even more hopelessly divided than before on the silver question. No, Grover Cleveland's message is not remarkable, either as a state paper or as a political document.

Gorman's Explanation.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat:

Senator Gorman's explanation of the democratic defeat in Maryland is candid and conclusive. "The state went republican," he says, "because the republican vote has largely increased, a very obvious and somewhat significant reason." This is not a condition that has intervened in any sudden or miraculous way, he goes on to point out, or because of any democratic revolt worth mentioning. The democratic vote this year was within 2,000 of the highest ever cast, which is remarkable for an off year, and a practical proof that dissension in the party did not cause its misfortune. For several years past, there has been a steady growth of republican sentiment throughout the state. The development of manufacturing industries has multiplied

the believers in protection. In his own county, Mr. Gorman says there are several woolen mills which formerly made a rough and cheap class of goods, but are now doing a higher grade of work, for which they have imported skilled laborers from New England, most of whom are republicans. The same is true of other counties, and the aggregate gain of the republicans in that way, with the accessions represented by the young men of the state, several thousand of whom cast their first votes this year, is quite sufficient to account for the fact that Maryland has ceased to be democratic.

There is good reason to believe that a similar process of evolution is going on throughout the entire South. Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia have all been carried by the republicans since the last presidential election. This does not simply mean that the people of those states have acted upon a passing impulse of dissatisfaction. It implies that they have become convinced by actual experience that democratic policies and methods are not conducive to their welfare and prosperity. Local considerations have influenced them only in the respect that they wish to develop their resources and increase their products, and are satisfied that this cannot be done without a tariff so adjusted as to give home labor and enterprise an advantage over foreign competition. This is the real secret of the republican gains in the South, the heaven that is destined in course of time to leaven the whole lump, and substitute intelligent and profitable political action for the indefatigable folly of supporting the democratic party from mere force of habit and inherited prejudice. The men who own property and are engaged in business have seen enough of democratic rule to assure them that it is not a good thing for them and their section of the country. "They have been disgusted," as Mr. Gorman says concerning Maryland, "with the commercial and industrial depression of the last two years, and they naturally turn for relief to the party that has a consistent protection record." That is the whole story tersely told — an explanation that fully explains.

The national treasury bobs up serenely with its usual deficiency, for the month of November. Only two months of the fifteen since the democratic tariff law went into effect, has the treasury statement shown a balance on the right side, and these two were months of light expenditures instead of heavy receipts. The average expenses of the government are \$30,000,000 per month; the heaviest treasury receipts under the present law were a little over \$29,000,000 in July of this year, which have fallen to a little less than \$26,000,000 for the last month. The average monthly deficiency under the present law has been, in round numbers, over \$4,500,000, or \$70,494,044 for the fifteen months. It is easy to account for the melting away of the gold reserve when we contemplate a \$70,000,000 deficiency, isn't it? The democratic press has had a great deal to say about the "failure" of the McKinley law as a revenue measure. Let us compare the records. From the time that law went into effect until the democratic success in '92, thirty-four months elapsed, and these months give us the only natural, normal workings of the measure, as of course, after the election of a congress and president pledged to materially reduce duties, imports were largely withheld to await the revision of the tariff. During the thirty-four months, there was a surplus of \$23,000,000, after paying all government expenses. So it will be seen that, whatever democrats may claim as to the weaknesses of the McKinley law from their standpoint of free trade principle, they are dishonest and misleading in attacking it as a revenue measure. Indeed, it was an ideal measure in that respect, raising just money enough to pay governmental expenses, with a few millions a year over to gradually wipe out the public debt. In the comparison of the two laws from the point of revenue, however, it is not just to omit to mention that, had it not been for the nullification of law by the treasury department in evading payment of the sugar bounty and in withholding the rebate on alcohol withdrawn for manufacturing and

scientific purposes, the democratic party would now be compelled to face a deficiency of between \$90,000,000 and \$100,000,000 instead of \$70,000,000. Great is democracy, and marvelous are its methods of financing!

We don't know whether or not Governor Altgeld has gotten off from David Hill's platform, "I am a democrat," but the following utterance, with which the governor is credited in an interview in the Springfield Journal, would indicate that he is off the democratic rug:

"For a great many years, the democratic party has practically stood for no definite principle. We seemed to be doing business under what was a sort of political false pretense."

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